

**U.S. District Court**  
**United States District Court for the Western District of Washington (Seattle)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 2:19-cv-01317-RAJ**

Francis et al v. US Department of Justice  
Assigned to: Judge Richard A. Jones  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 08/21/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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| 08/21/2019 | <a href="#">1</a>  | COMPLAINT <i>for disclosure</i> against defendant(s) U.S. Department of Justice (Receipt # 0981-5894845) Attorney Katherine A. George added to party Campaign for Accountability(pty:pla), Attorney Katherine A. George added to party Matthew Connelly(pty:pla), Attorney Katherine A. George added to party Mary Dudziak(pty:pla), Attorney Katherine A. George added to party Megan Ming Francis(pty:pla), Attorney Katherine A. George added to party Matthew L. Jones(pty:pla), Attorney Katherine A. George added to party Knight First Amendment Institute(pty:pla), Attorney Katherine A. George added to party Hiroshi Motomura(pty:pla), filed by Campaign for Accountability, Mary Dudziak, Knight First Amendment Institute, Matthew Connelly, Megan Ming Francis, Matthew L. Jones, Hiroshi Motomura. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Exhibit, # <a href="#">2</a> Civil Cover Sheet, # <a href="#">3</a> Summons)(George, Katherine) (Entered: 08/21/2019) |
| 08/21/2019 | <a href="#">2</a>  | APPLICATION OF ATTORNEY Alex Abdo FOR LEAVE TO APPEAR PRO HAC VICE for Plaintiffs Campaign for Accountability, Matthew Connelly, Mary Dudziak, Megan Ming Francis, Matthew L. Jones, Knight First Amendment Institute, Hiroshi Motomura (Fee Paid) Receipt No. 0981-5894931 (George, Katherine) (Entered: 08/21/2019)  |
| 08/21/2019 | <a href="#">3</a>  | APPLICATION OF ATTORNEY Jameel Jaffer FOR LEAVE TO APPEAR PRO HAC VICE for Plaintiffs Campaign for Accountability, Matthew Connelly, Mary Dudziak, Megan Ming Francis, Matthew L. Jones, Knight First Amendment Institute, Hiroshi Motomura (Fee Paid) Receipt No. 0981-5894949 (George, Katherine) (Entered: 08/21/2019)  |
| 08/21/2019 | <a href="#">4</a>  | CORPORATE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT indicating no Corporate Parents and/or Affiliates. Filed pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P 7.1. Filed by Campaign for Accountability, Matthew Connelly, Mary Dudziak, Megan Ming Francis, Matthew L. Jones, Knight First Amendment Institute, Hiroshi Motomura (George, Katherine) (Entered: 08/21/2019)  |
| 08/21/2019 | 5                  | ORDER re <a href="#">2</a> Application for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice,. The Court ADMITS Attorney Alex Abdo for Plaintiffs Campaign for Accountability, Matthew Connelly, Mary Dudziak, Megan Ming Francis, Matthew L. Jones, Knight First Amendment Institute, Hiroshi Motomura by Clerk William M McCool. No document associated with this docket entry, text only.<br><br><i>NOTE TO COUNSEL: Local counsel agrees to <b>sign all filings</b> and to be prepared to handle the matter, including the trial thereof, in the event the applicant is unable to be present on any date scheduled by the court, pursuant to LCR 83.1(d).</i> (DS) (Entered: 08/21/2019)  |
| 08/21/2019 | 6                  | ORDER re <a href="#">3</a> Application for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice,. The Court ADMITS Attorney Jameel Jaffer for Plaintiffs Campaign for Accountability, Matthew Connelly, Mary Dudziak, Megan Ming Francis, Matthew L. Jones, Knight First Amendment Institute, Hiroshi Motomura by Clerk William M McCool. No document associated with this docket entry, text only.<br><br><i>NOTE TO COUNSEL: Local counsel agrees to <b>sign all filings</b> and to be prepared to handle the matter, including the trial thereof, in the event the applicant is unable to be present on any date scheduled by the court, pursuant to LCR 83.1(d).</i> (DS) (Entered: 08/21/2019)  |
| 08/23/2019 |                    | Judge Richard A. Jones added. (SNP) (Entered: 08/23/2019)  |
| 08/23/2019 | <a href="#">7</a>  | Summons(es) Electronically Issued as to defendant(s) United States Department of Justice (SNP) (Entered: 08/23/2019)   |
| 08/23/2019 | <a href="#">8</a>  | STANDING ORDER for Civil Cases Assigned to Judge Richard A. Jones. (VE) (Entered: 08/23/2019)  |
| 08/30/2019 | <a href="#">9</a>  | SERVICE OF SUMMONS and Complaint returned executed upon defendant US Department of Justice on 8/30/2019 (Abdo, Alex) (Entered: 08/30/2019)   |
| 09/23/2019 | <a href="#">10</a> | NOTICE of Appearance by attorney Rebecca M Cutri-Kohart on behalf of Defendant US Department of Justice. (Cutri-Kohart, Rebecca) (Entered: 09/23/2019)   |
| 09/24/2019 | <a href="#">11</a> | ORDER REGARDING FRCP 26(f) CONFERENCE, INITIAL DISCLOSURES, AND JOINT STATUS REPORT. FRCP 26(f) Conference Deadline is 10/8/2019, Initial Disclosure Deadline is 10/15/2019, Joint Status Report due by 10/22/2019, by Judge Richard A. Jones. (VE) (Entered: 09/24/2019)  |
| 09/27/2019 | <a href="#">12</a> | ANSWER to <a href="#">1</a> Complaint,,, by US Department of Justice. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Exhibit A)(Cutri-Kohart, Rebecca) (Entered: 09/27/2019)  |

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| 10/04/2019 |                    | ***Deadlines terminated and reset: By agreement of the parties, the initial case schedule deadlines set forth in the Court's <a href="#">11</a> ORDER REGARDING FRCP 26(f) CONFERENCE, INITIAL DISCLOSURES, AND JOINT STATUS REPORT are vacated. The parties shall file a combined Joint Status Report by 11/14/2019 containing a proposed schedule for the processing and production of non-exempt, responsive records to Plaintiffs' FOIA request. In that Joint Status Report, the parties will include a statement of the nature and complexity of this FOIA litigation and the parties' views on further proceedings as directed by the Court's initial case scheduling order. (VE) (Entered: 10/04/2019)  |
| 11/13/2019 |                    | Reset Deadline: Upon the joint request of the parties, the deadline for filing a combined Joint Status Report is extended to 12/5/2019. The Joint Status Report shall contain a proposed schedule for the processing and production of non-exempt, responsive records to Plaintiffs' FOIA request and shall include a statement of the nature and complexity of this FOIA litigation and the parties' views on further proceedings as directed by the Court's initial case scheduling order. (VE) (Entered: 11/13/2019)   |
| 11/14/2019 | <a href="#">13</a> | APPLICATION OF ATTORNEY Anna Diakun FOR LEAVE TO APPEAR PRO HAC VICE for Plaintiffs Campaign for Accountability, Matthew J Connelly, Mary L Dudziak, Megan Ming Francis, Matthew L Jones, Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University, Hiroshi Motomura (Fee Paid) Receipt No. 0981-6010314 (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Certificate of Service)(George, Katherine) (Entered: 11/14/2019)  |
| 11/14/2019 | 14                 | ORDER re <a href="#">13</a> Application for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice,. The Court ADMITS Attorney Anna Diakun for Plaintiffs Campaign for Accountability,Anna Diakun for Matthew J Connelly,Anna Diakun Campaign for Accountability, Matthew J Connelly, Mary L Dudziak, Megan Ming Francis, Matthew L Jones, Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University, Hiroshi Motomura by Clerk William M McCool. No document associated with this docket entry, text only.<br><br><i>NOTE TO COUNSEL: Local counsel agrees to <b>sign all filings</b> and to be prepared to handle the matter, including the trial thereof, in the event the applicant is unable to be present on any date scheduled by the court, pursuant to LCR 83.1(d).</i> (DS) (Entered: 11/14/2019) |
| 12/05/2019 | <a href="#">15</a> | JOINT STATUS REPORT signed by all parties. Estimated Trial Days: N/A. (Cutri-Kohart, Rebecca) (Entered: 12/05/2019)   |